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ASTONISHING X-MEN NEW AVENGERS HOUSE OF M



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Magneto has lost the war against ordinary humans for which he sacrificed the well-being of his children. Now he is forced to watch his daughter Wanda, the Scarlet Witch, suffer a loss of control over both her powers and her grip on reality. Quicksilver, Wanda's brother Pietro, pleads with their estranged father to help her.

Mutant leader Charles Xavier, who is unable to help the Scarlet Witch, gathers the Avengers and the X-Men to decide how to proceed. The heroes are not convinced that killing Wanda is the only solution, so they travel to the mutant nation of Genosha to confront her, in the hope of discovering what it is that she wants.

When they get to the island, Wanda is missing, as are Magneto and Pietro.

Then the world burns to white.

HOUSE OF M

Reality as we knew it is gone...

...replaced by a society in which humans are the oppressed minority and mutants run the culture, ruling over all existing countries, religions and politics. A kingdom united under the House of M.

Psychic therapist Emma Frost and Scott Summers live happily in Connecticut. Peter Parker is married to Gwen Stacy, and they have a young son, Richie. New York City's Hell's Kitchen is widely known as Sapien Town, where the worst elements of normal humanity congregate, led by underworld overlord Luke Cage.

Wolverine is the premiere operative of S.H.I.E.L.D.'s elite Red Guard unit, and is romantically involved with his fellow agent, Mystique. When he escapes from the S.H.I.E.L.D. Helicarrier, their flying mobile base, Logan is kidnapped by Cloak of Luke Cage's underground resistance... and finds himself held at arrow-point by the long-dead Avenger Hawkeye.

Through the mysterious powers of a young girl named Layla Miller, a group of heroes have been shown the truth about how life used to be. Rocked by the revelation of what has occurred, the heroes head to Genosha to face Magneto in a do-or-die mission, with the fate of the entire world hanging in the balance.

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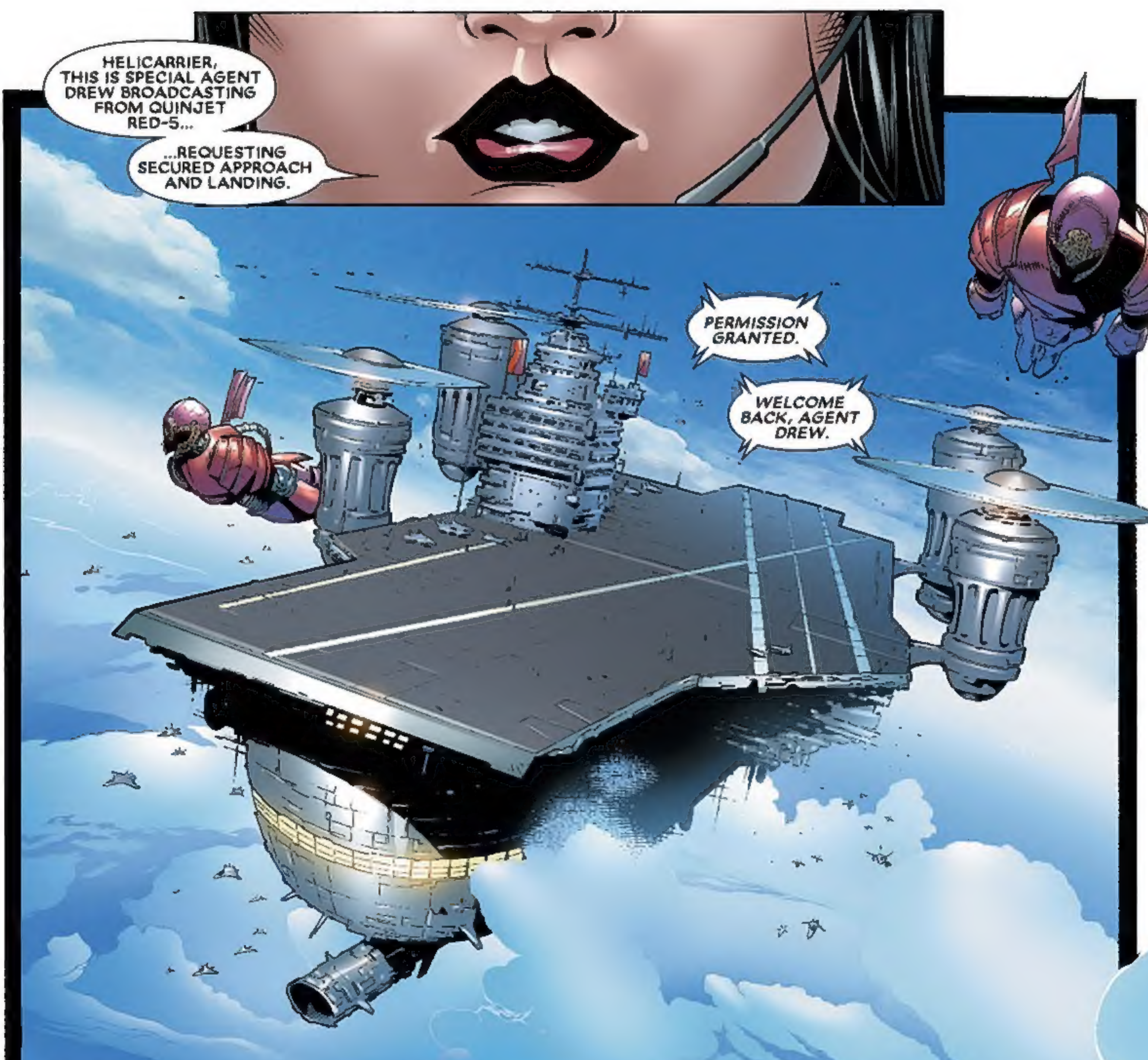
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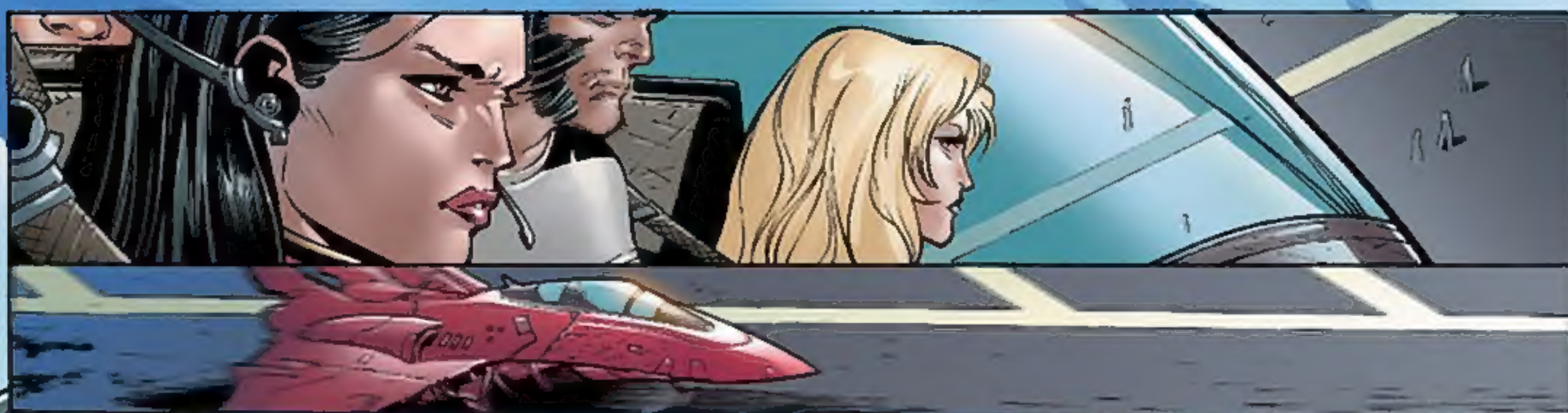


HELICARRIER,
THIS IS SPECIAL AGENT
DREW BROADCASTING
FROM QUINJET
RED-5...

...REQUESTING
SECURED APPROACH
AND LANDING.

PERMISSION
GRANTED.


WELCOME
BACK, AGENT
DREW.



OKAY, THIS IS
CREEPY.

THEY CAN'T
SEE OR HEAR US,
SPIDER-MAN.

I'M USING MY
MUTANT POWERS TO
PROJECT 17 SEPARATE
MENTAL COMMANDS
TO COVER US.



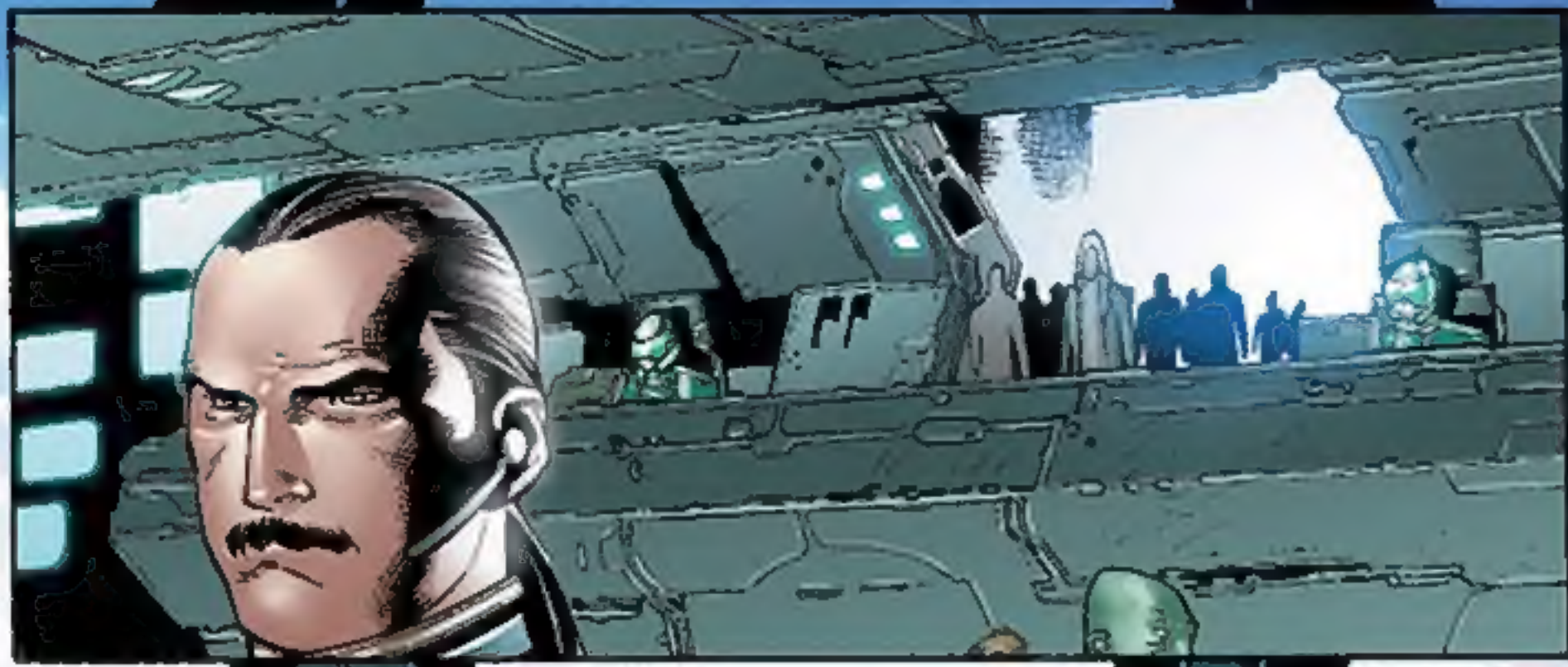
THEY CAN'T SEE US
BECAUSE I WON'T LET
THEM THINK THEY
ARE SEEING US.

YEAH,
LIKE I SAID:
CREEPY.

WHAT'S
THE PLAN,
EMMA?

COMMAND
DECK.

FOLLOW
ME.



NATASHA ROMANOV IS ON LINE 56.

THERE'S A CORROSIVE WEATHER PATTERN OVER WAKANDA.

PATCHING FIELD COMMANDER GARRISON KANE THROUGH THE T9-LINK SATELLITE.

WHAT ARE YOU? NEW? DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

SHAW IS REPORTING IN FROM THE SAVAGE LAND OUTPOST.

ANY WORD ON WEAPON XXXC?

SOME KIND OF FLUCTUATION.

LATVERIA HAS NO AMBASSADOR. HE'S LYING.

AGENT SITWELL IS CALLING IN?

WHERE IS THAT COMING FROM?

THE BROOD SIGNAL IS OFFLINE.

I WAS NEVER THERE.

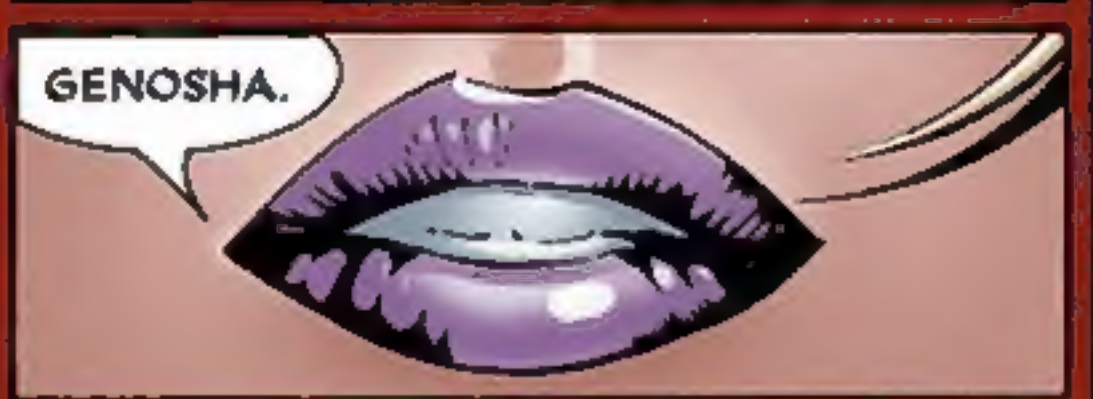
SEE WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IT.



COURSE SET, CAPTAIN GREYCROW.



DESTINATION?

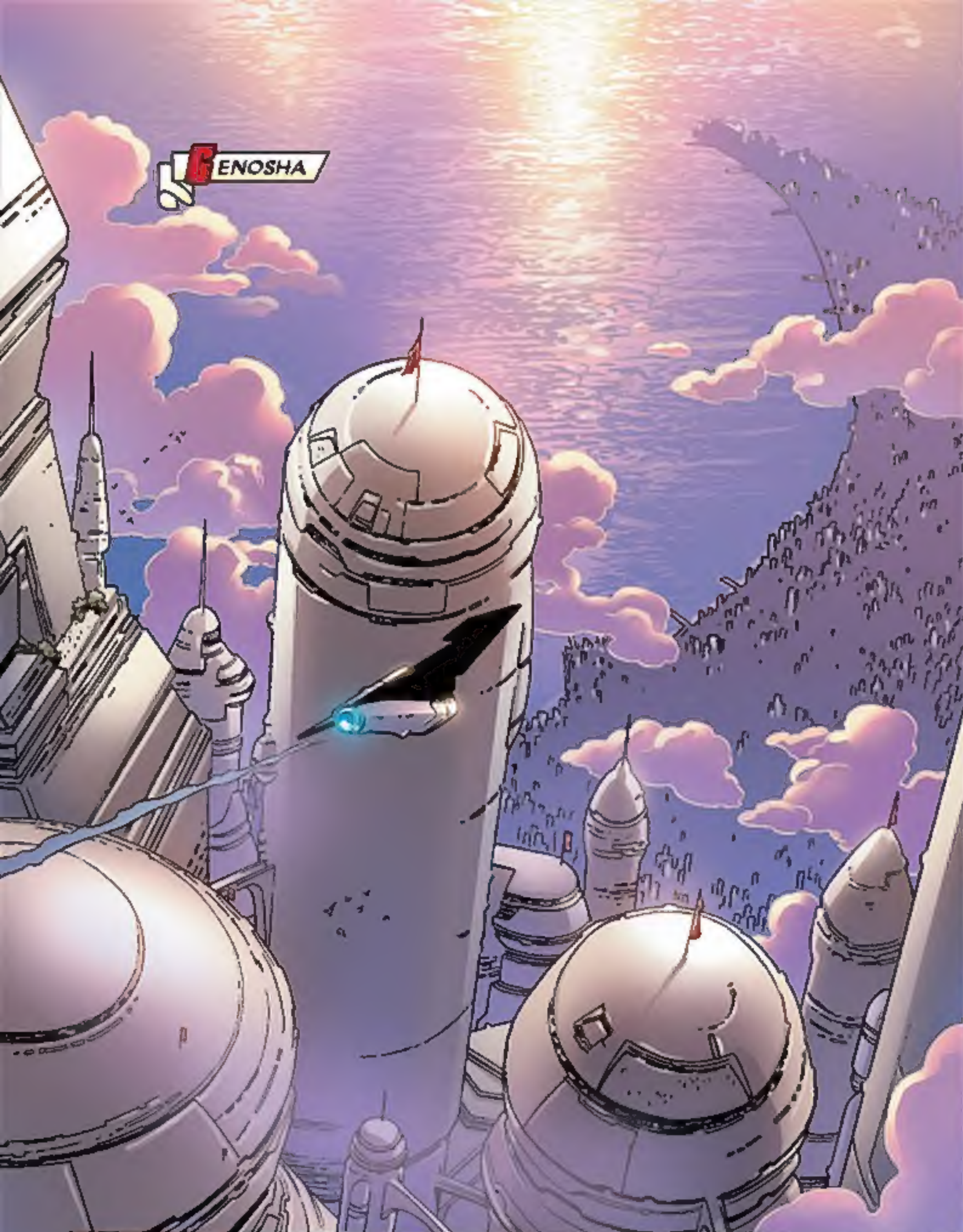


GENOSHA.

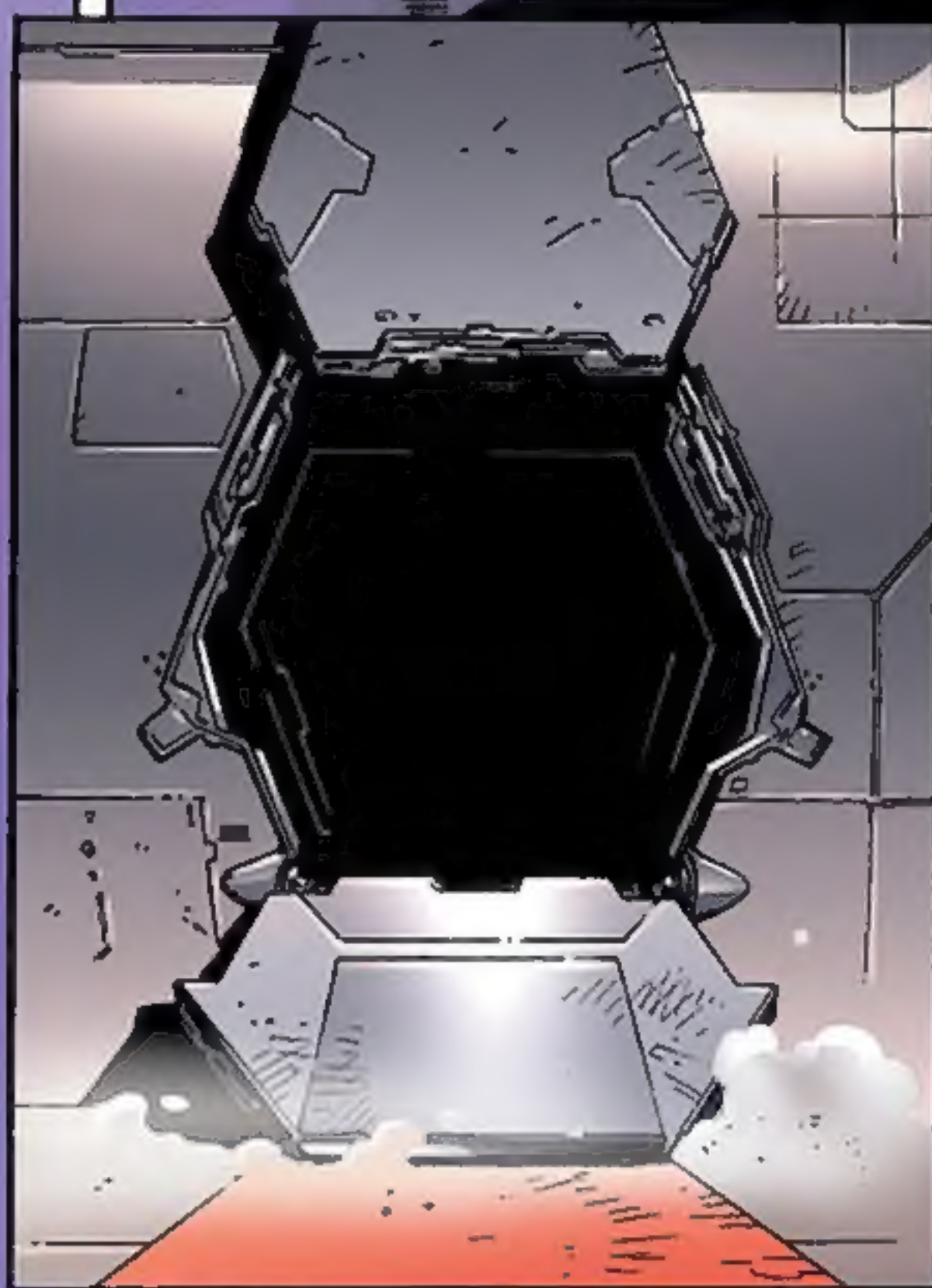
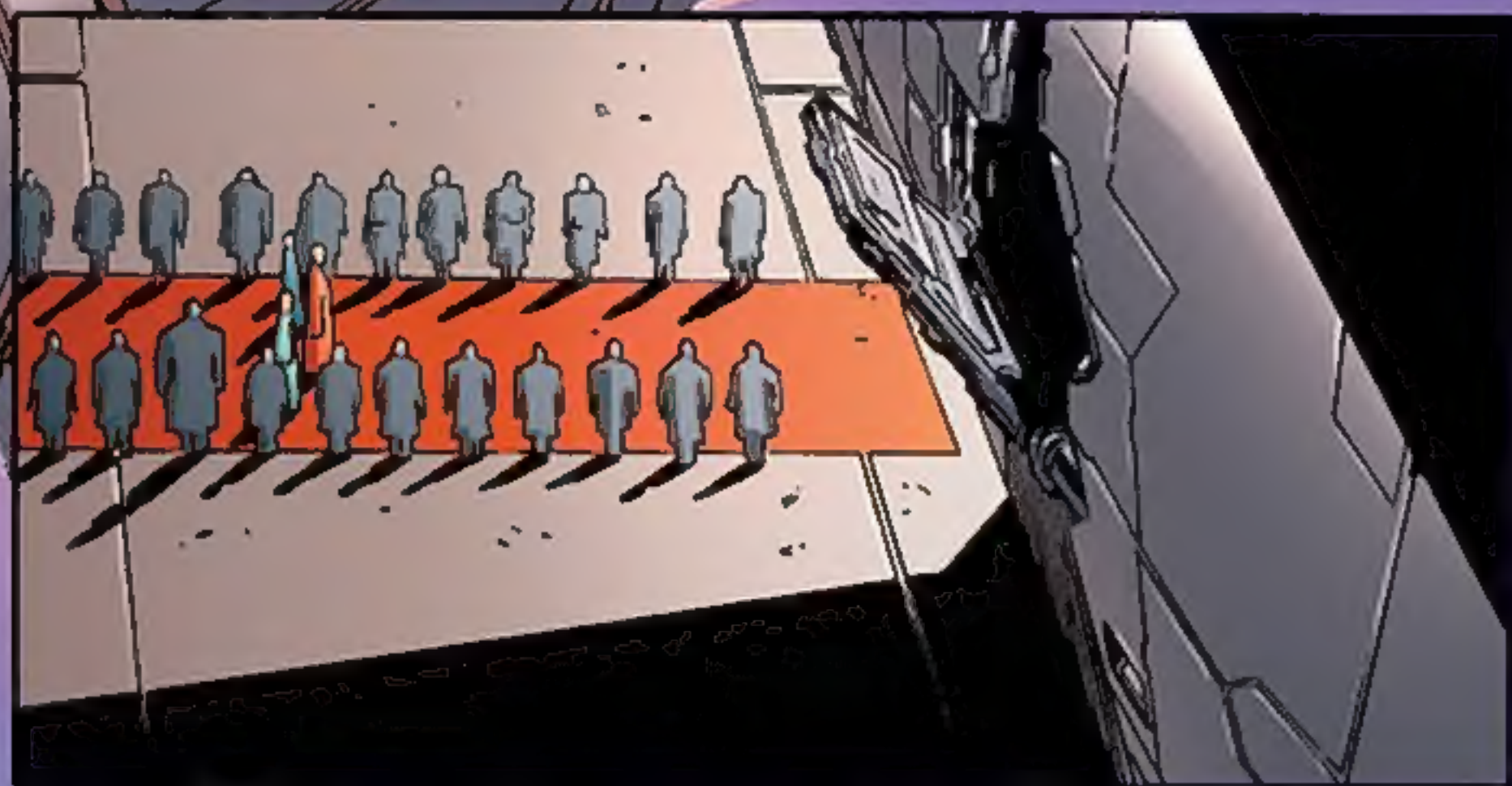


YES, SIR.





ENOSHA



TOOM





I KNOW IT'S COMMISSARY FOOD, BUT EVERYBODY EAT SOMETHING.

YOU'LL NEED YOUR STRENGTH.

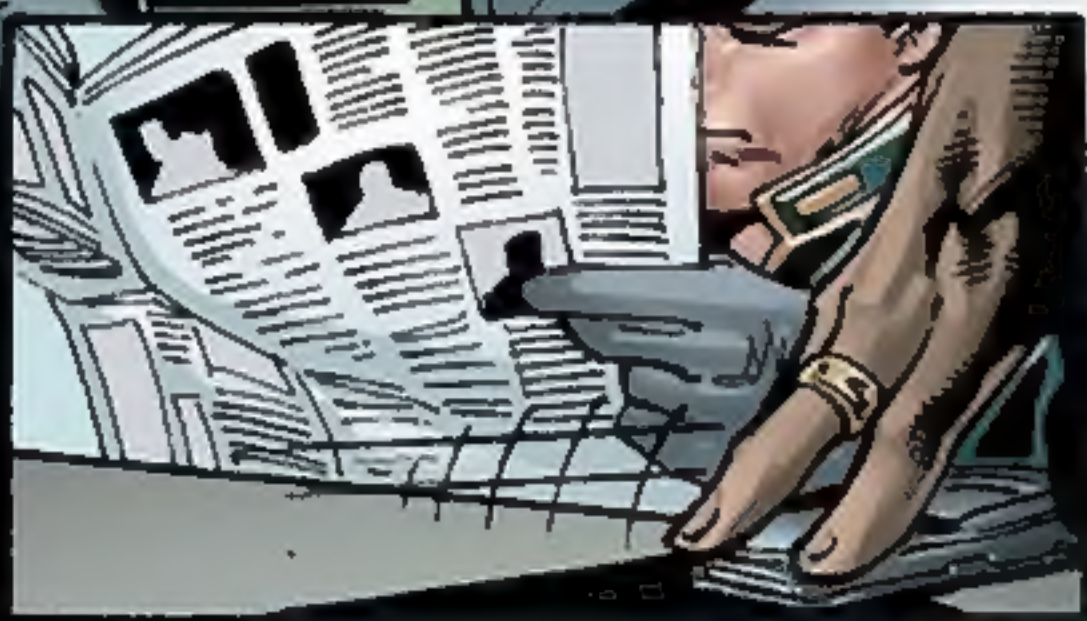
I AIN'T HUNGRY, SCOTT.

AH'M PISSED.

WE ALL ARE, ROGUE. HOLD IT TOGETHER.

"HOLD IT TOGETHER."

WE'LL BE THERE SOON ENOUGH.



LISTING?

JESSICA JONES.

WHAT CITY?

MANHATTAN... (I GUESS).

ONE MOMENT. I HAVE ONE IN QUEENS.

OKAY.

HERE'S THE NUMBER.



THIS IS JESSICA--

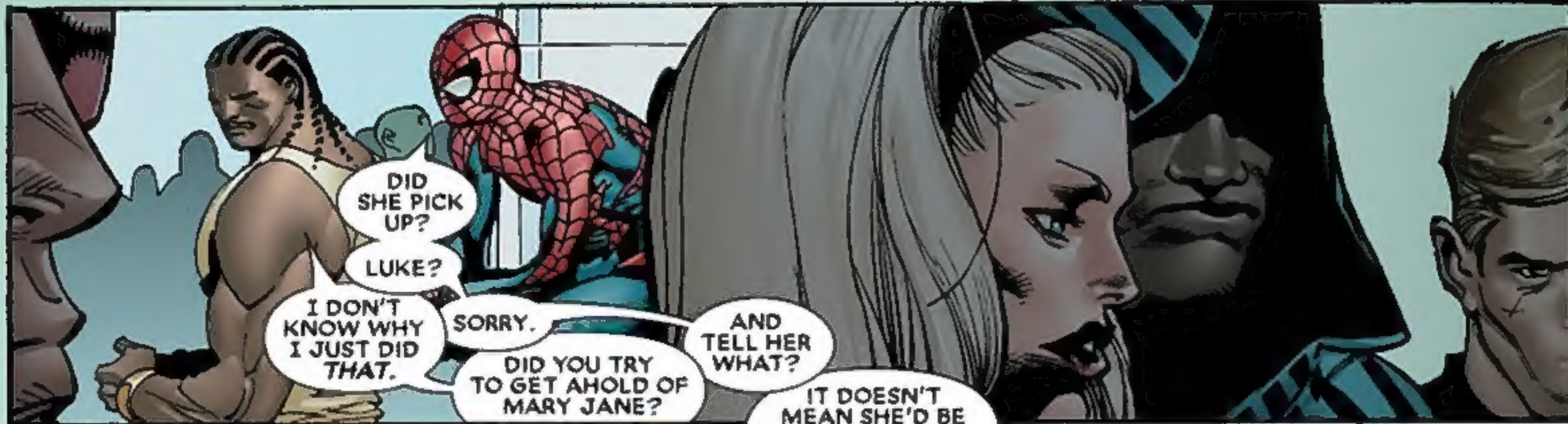
J--

--AND THIS IS SCOTT...

...LEAVE A MESSAGE.



BOOP



DID SHE PICK UP?

LUKE?

I DON'T KNOW WHY I JUST DID THAT.

SORRY.

DID YOU TRY TO GET AHOLO OF MARY JANE?

AND TELL HER WHAT?

IT DOESN'T MEAN SHE'D BE LESS SUCCESSFUL IF YOU WERE TOGETHER.



UH-HUH.

IT DOESN'T--

EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT WE AREN'T TOGETHER... AND SHE IS.



OKAY. LISTEN UP...



I WANT TO TALK TO YOU ALL FOR A SECOND.

I'VE--UH--I'VE BEEN TEAM LEADER OF THE X-MEN SINCE I WAS A TEENAGER...

...AND IN THAT ENTIRE TIME I'VE ALWAYS PRIDED MYSELF ON MY TACTICAL RESTRAINT.

TAKING A MORAL HIGH GROUND WHERE VIOLENCE IS CONCERNED.

BUT TODAY...



THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO SAY IT...

IF WE FAIL HERE, IF WE LOSE...

...WE LOSE EVERYTHING.

EVERY THING WE HAVE EVER BELIEVED IN...

...EVERY FIGHT WE'VE EVER FOUGHT, EVERY BATTLE...

...IT'LL ALL BE--IT'LL ALL HAVE MEANT NOTHING.



SO I'M SAYING... THAT WHATEVER RESTRAINT OR PERSONAL BOUNDARIES YOU USUALLY PUT ON YOURSELF IN THE NAME OF GOOD OR RIGHT...

...WELL, I THINK THERE'S NO PLACE FOR ANY OF THAT HERE...IN THE FIGHT WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US.

WE CAN'T LOSE THIS.

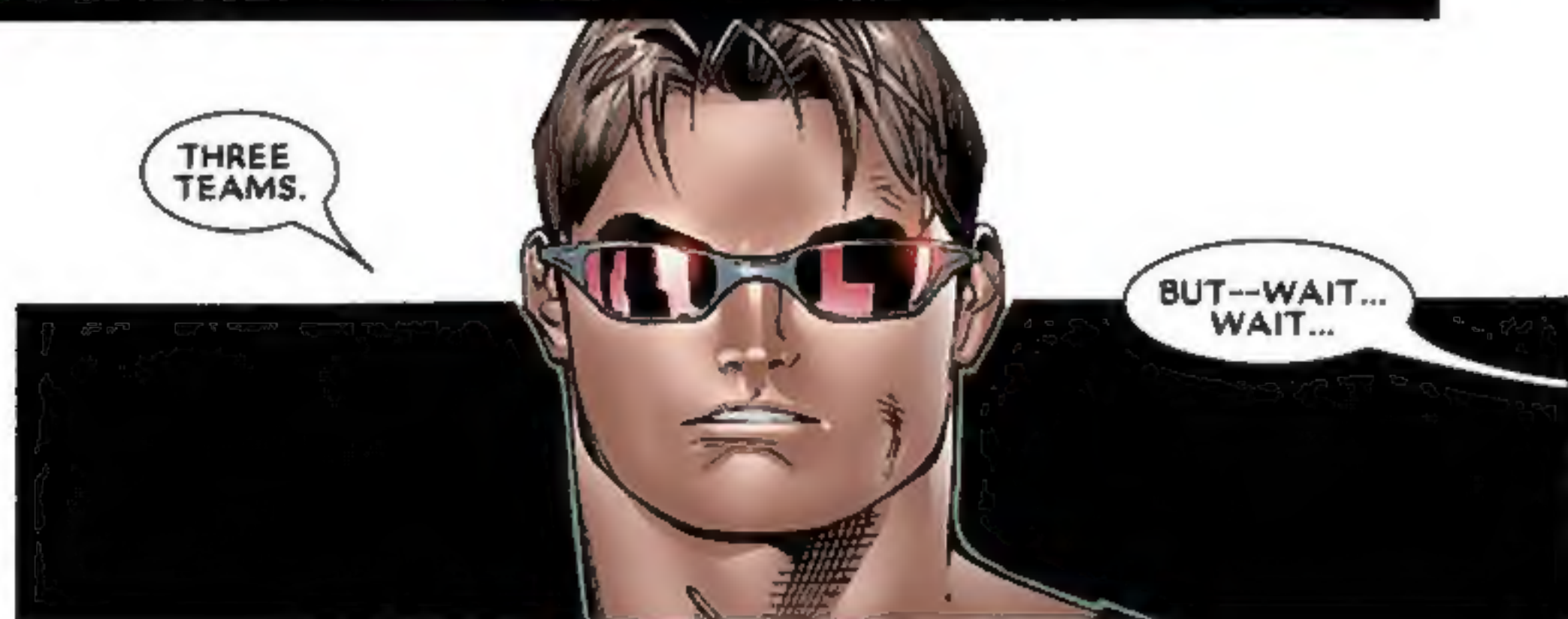
WE HAVE TO WIN.

AND TO DO THAT...YOU, ALL OF YOU, ARE GOING TO HAVE TO FIGHT WITHOUT ANY RESTRAINT.

DOES ANYONE DISAGREE?



SO WHAT'S THE PLAN, SPARKY?



THREE TEAMS.

BUT--WAIT... WAIT...





WEREN'T WE
HAPPIER HERE?
I WAS. I-I THINK
I WAS.

WASN'T
EVERYBODY?

THEY GAVE US
WHAT WE ALWAYS
WANTED, AND--ISN'T
THERE AN ARGUMENT
THAT WE DESERVED
TO GET THIS?

TO BE
HAPPY FOR
ONCE?

I DON'T
KNOW...

MAYBE THIS
WAS THE TIME
FOR THIS TO
HAPPEN.



ONE DAY,
JESS...

...YOU'RE GOING
TO BE REALLY
EMBARRASSED
YOU SAID THAT
OUT LOUD.

STOP. JUST
LISTEN.

MY POINT IS--
WHEN SOMETHING
OF THIS MAGNITUDE
HAPPENS...YOU HAVE
TO STEP BACK FOR A
SECOND AND SAY:
MAYBE THIS WAS
TIME FOR THIS
TO HAPPEN.

WHO ARE WE TO
DECIDE HOW THE
WORLD'S SUPPOSED
TO BE?

WHEN THE METEORS
HIT THE EARTH AND DESTROY
A SPECIES--IT'S NATURAL
SELECTION, RIGHT?

LIKE KITTY
SAID: A METEOR
JUST HIT THE
EARTH!

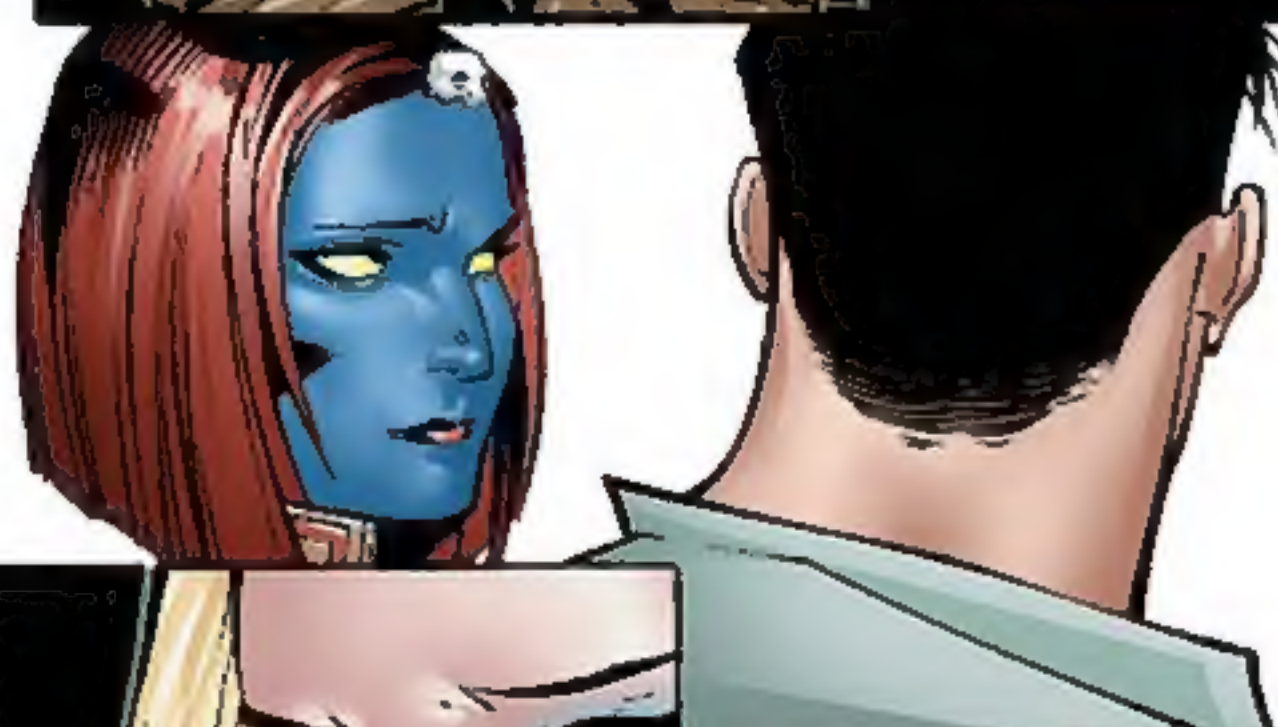
MAYBE THIS IS
HOW MUTANTS BECOME
THE NEXT DOMINANT
SPECIES.



THAT'S TWO
THINGS YOU'RE
GOING TO BE
EMBARRASSED
YOU SAID OUT
LOUD.

TRANSLATION:
YOU DON'T KNOW IF
I'M RIGHT OR WRONG
AND IT SCARES THE
CRAP OUT OF YOU.

AND IT SHOULD.



WE
HAVE TO
TRY.

WE HAVE
TO. WE HAVE TO
FIND XAVIER.

SPIDEY?

EXCUSE
ME.



JEEZ, I'VE NEVER
SEEN HIM LIKE
THIS...

GIVE HIM A
MINUTE.

HE'LL GET IT
TOGETHER.



EVERYBODY
DONE?

OKAY.

THREE
TEAMS.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...IF I MAY HAVE YOUR ATTENTION...

THE HOUSE OF MAGNUS IS HONORED TO HAVE YOU AS THEIR GUESTS.

AND NOW IT IS THE PRIVILEGE OF THE HOUSE OF MAGNUS TO PRESENT TO YOU OUR SPECIAL GUESTS OF HONOR FOR THE EVENING...

WHY THREE TEAMS, SCOTT?



BECAUSE EVEN WITH EMMA AND DOCTOR STRANGE "HIDING" US FROM VIEW...

WE HAVE TO ASSUME THEY KNOW WE'RE COMING.

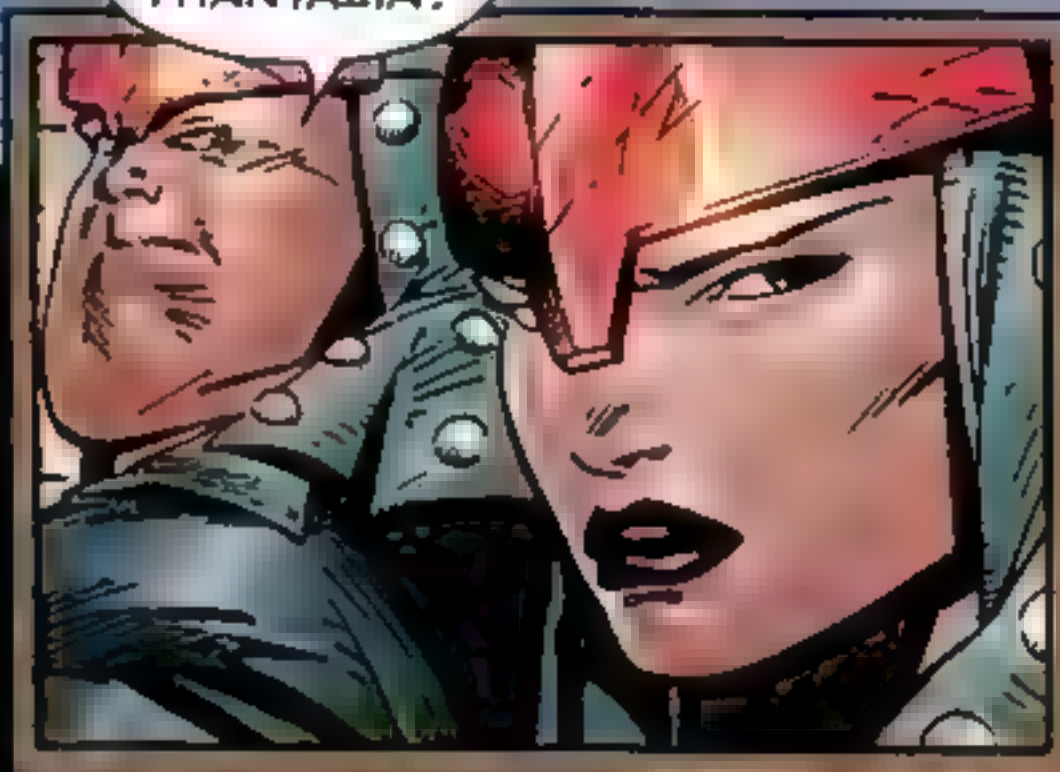
AND EVEN IF THEY DON'T KNOW IT'S US, THEY'RE GOING TO KNOW SOMETHING IS WRONG...

I MEAN, IT'S NOT A BICYCLE WE STOLE HERE.

WHAT IS IT, PHANTAZIA?

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...

...KING T'CHALLA OF THE AFRICAN COMMONWEALTH OF WAKANDA.



THE PRIMARY GOAL IS TO FIND CHARLES XAVIER (IF HE'S STILL WITH US) AND FOR EMMA TO GET LAYLA, HERE, AND HER POWERS IN FRONT OF HIM.

WE HAVE TO "WAKE" XAVIER UP.

CLOAK, IT'S UP TO YOU TO TRANSPORT THEM ANYWHERE EMMA TELLS YOU TO.

OF COURSE.

EMMA, DO YOU NEED ANYONE ELSE? DO YOU NEED A TEAM?

NO. YOU NEED YOUR MEN.

LAYLA, YOU OKAY?

YEAH, SURE. NO PRESSURE.

KING OF LATVERIA...

...VICTOR VON DOOM!



GENIS-VELL.

VISITING
DELEGATE ALL
THE WAY FROM
THE KREE
EMPIRE.

DOCTOR STRANGE, YOU'VE HAD SOME LUCK IN THE PAST
GETTING THROUGH TO WANDA.

THE ASTRAL PLANE IS A
PLACE WHERE I CAN COMMUNICATE
WITH HER ON A LEVEL PLAYING
FIELD.

AT LEAST
FOR A SHORT
TIME.

HOPEFULLY,
HOPEFULLY, I'LL
BE ABLE TO CUT
THROUGH TO THE
HEART OF THE
PROBLEM.

FIND OUT
WHAT HAS
HAPPENED
HERE.

OF COURSE,
THAT DEPENDS A
GREAT DEAL ON
HER PRESENT STATE
OF MIND.

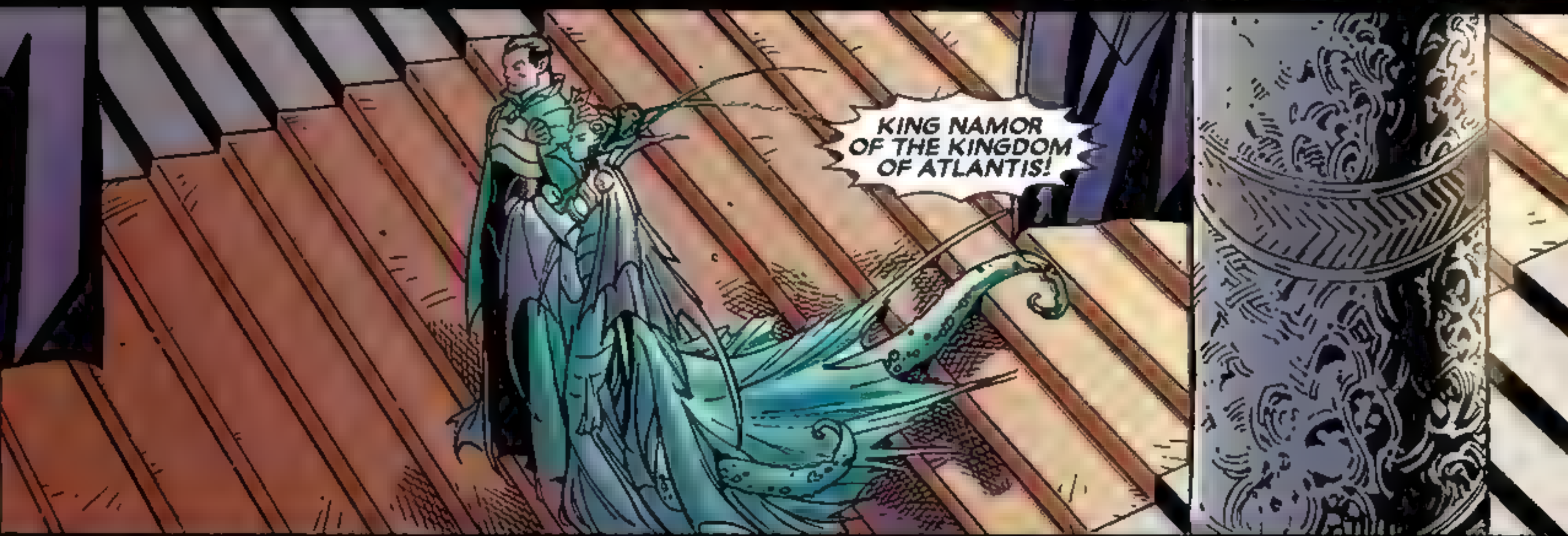
PRINCESS
ORORO OF
KENYA!!



DO YOU NEED
ANYONE ELSE
FOR BACK-
UP?

NO.

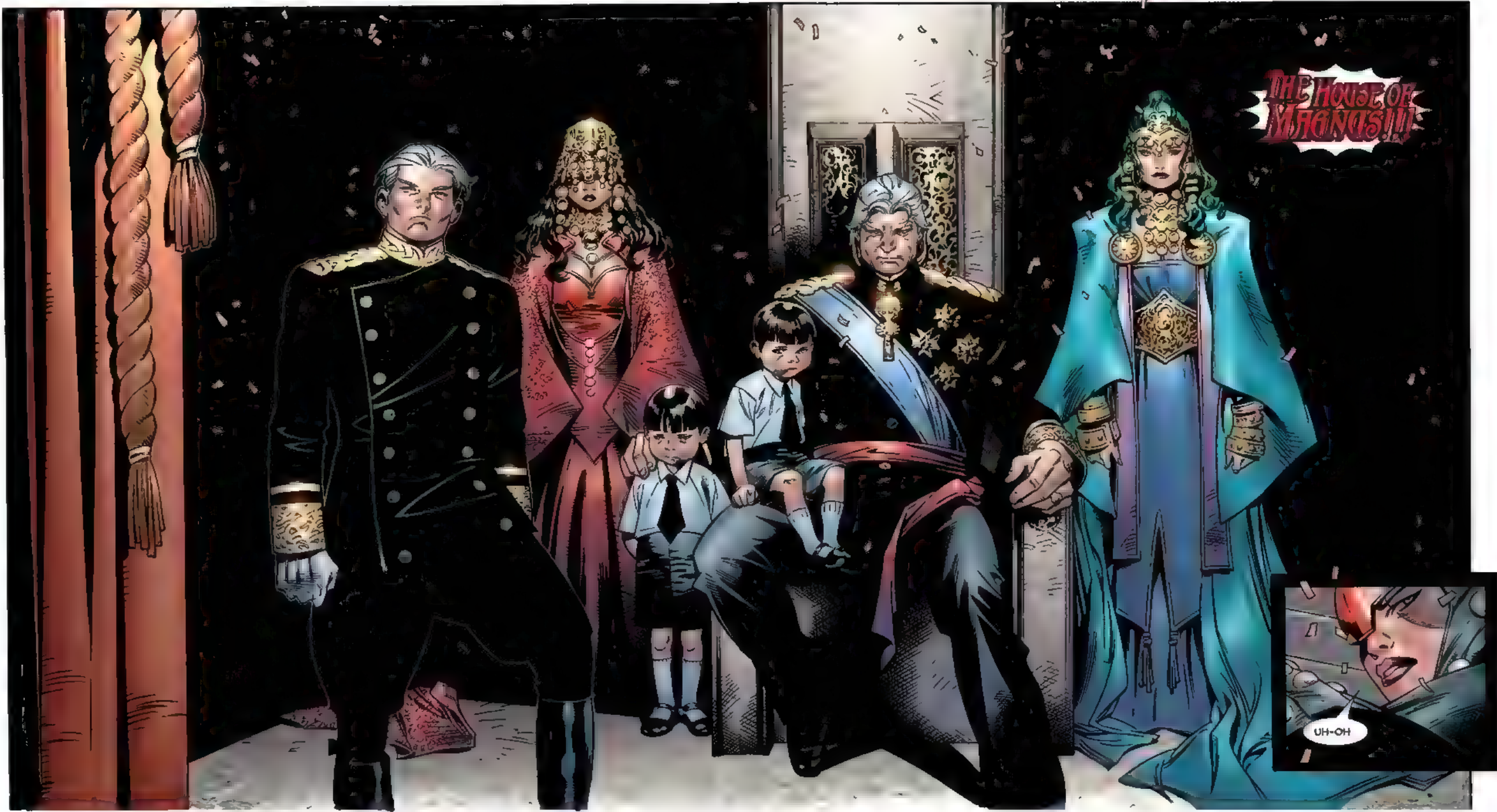
SO, THE
REST OF US...?

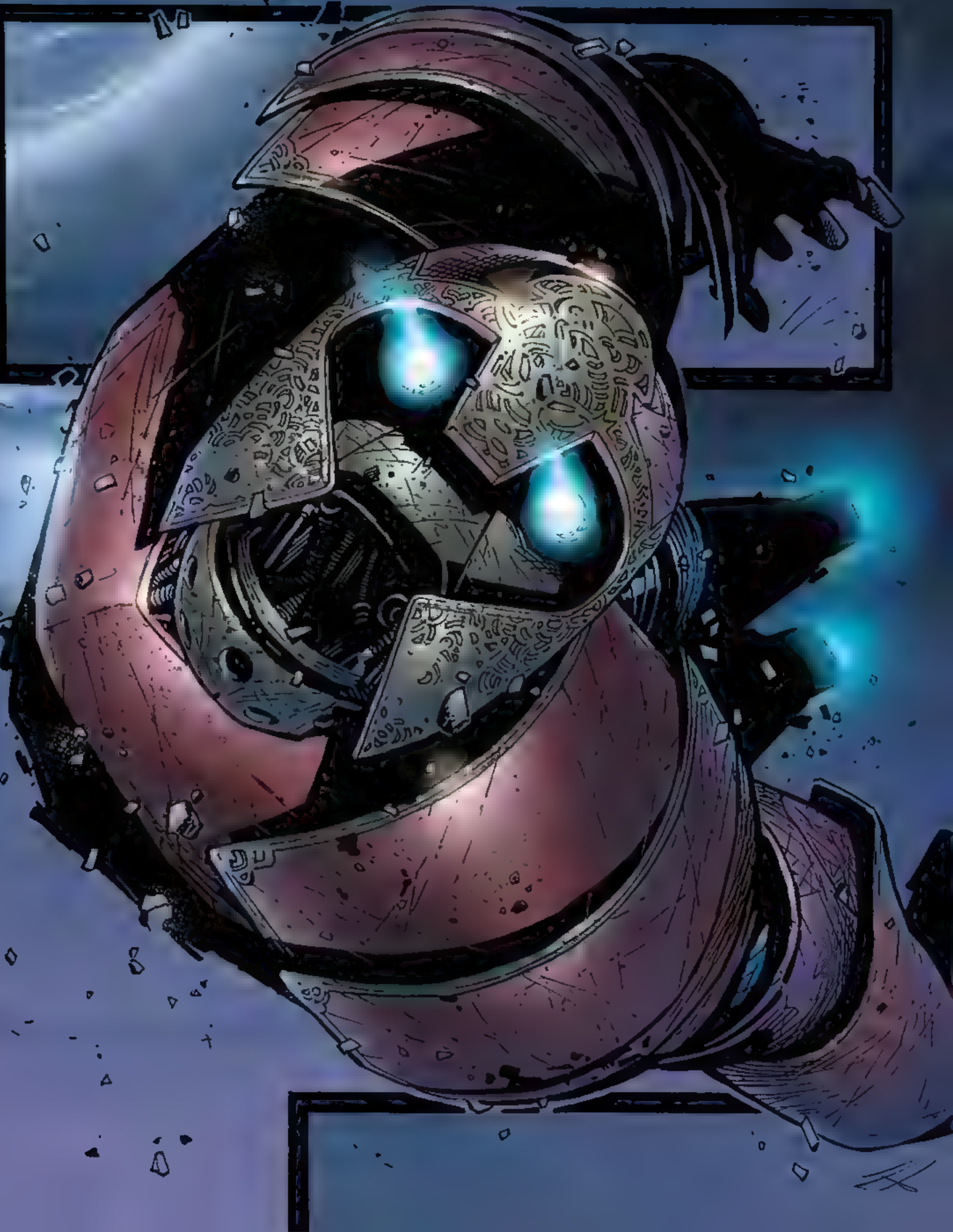
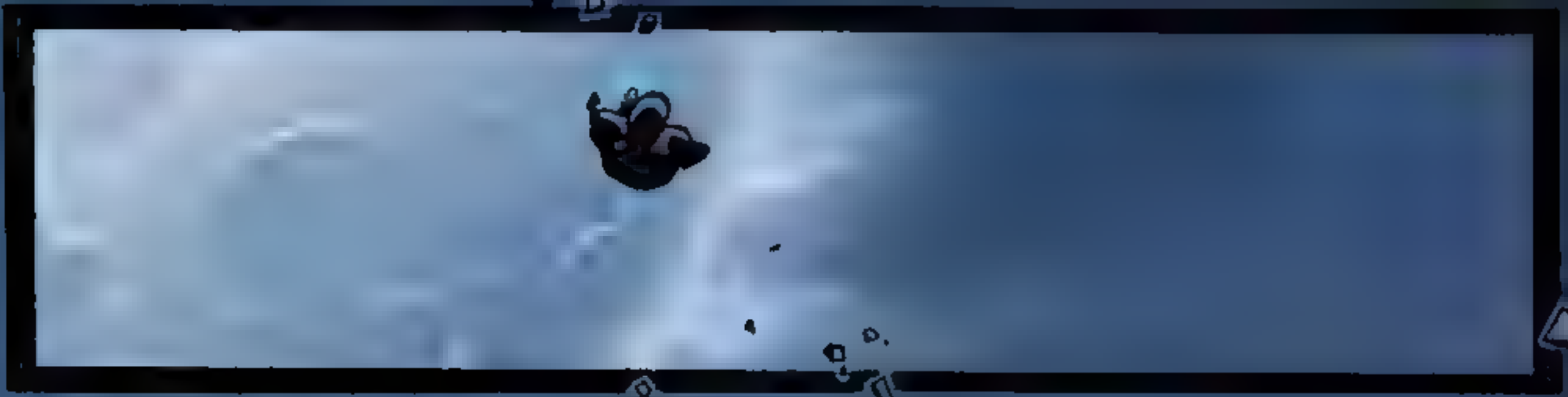
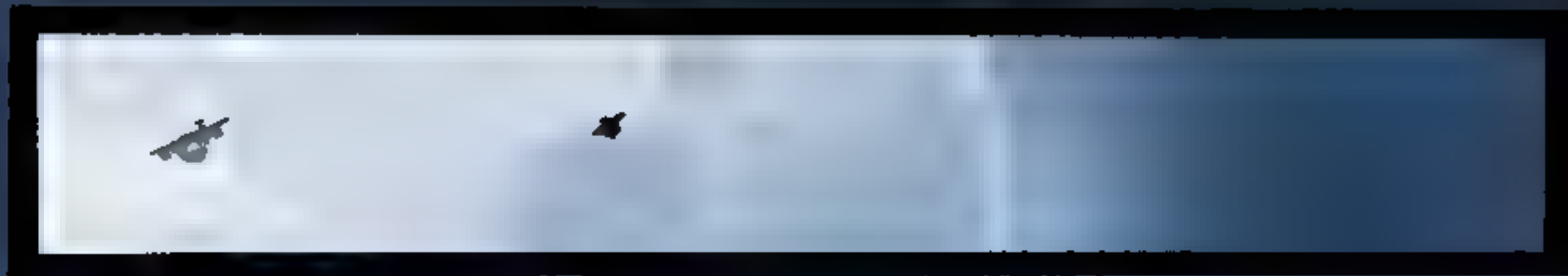


KING NAMOR
OF THE KINGDOM
OF ATLANTIS!



WE KEEP
THE HOUSE
OF MAGNUS
OCCUPIED.







FATHER?







BOOM

DADDY!!
OH MY GOD!
OH MY--

MAGNETO!!!

FOOOOM

OKAY,
SCOTTY! Y' SAID
NO HOLDING
BACK!
HERE'S SOME
NO HOLDIN'
BACK!
C'MERE,
SUGAHS!!

UNHAND ME, YOU
DISGUSTING--!

AGH!



THERE'S
NO ONE
HERE.

WHEREVER
HERE IS.

WHAT'S THAT
NOISE?

IT'S THE
FIGHT.

IS THAT
SCREAMING?



FOCUS,
LAYLA.

WE HAVE
TO--

XAVIER
MEMORIAL GARDEN
He died so Genosha could live



OH MY GOD...

OH NO...

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?



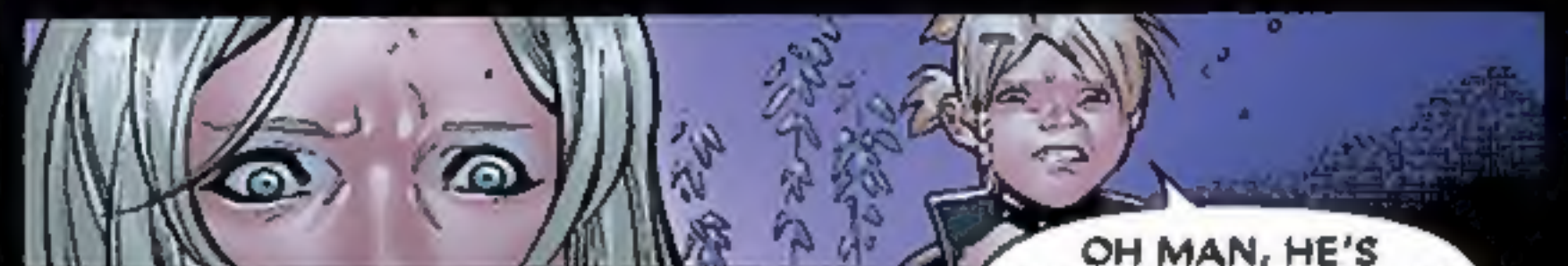
IS-- IS THAT IT?



WAIT.



UH...



OH MAN, HE'S NOT GOING TO DRAG UP SOME BONES, IS HE?



AH! THERE'S NOTHING HERE.

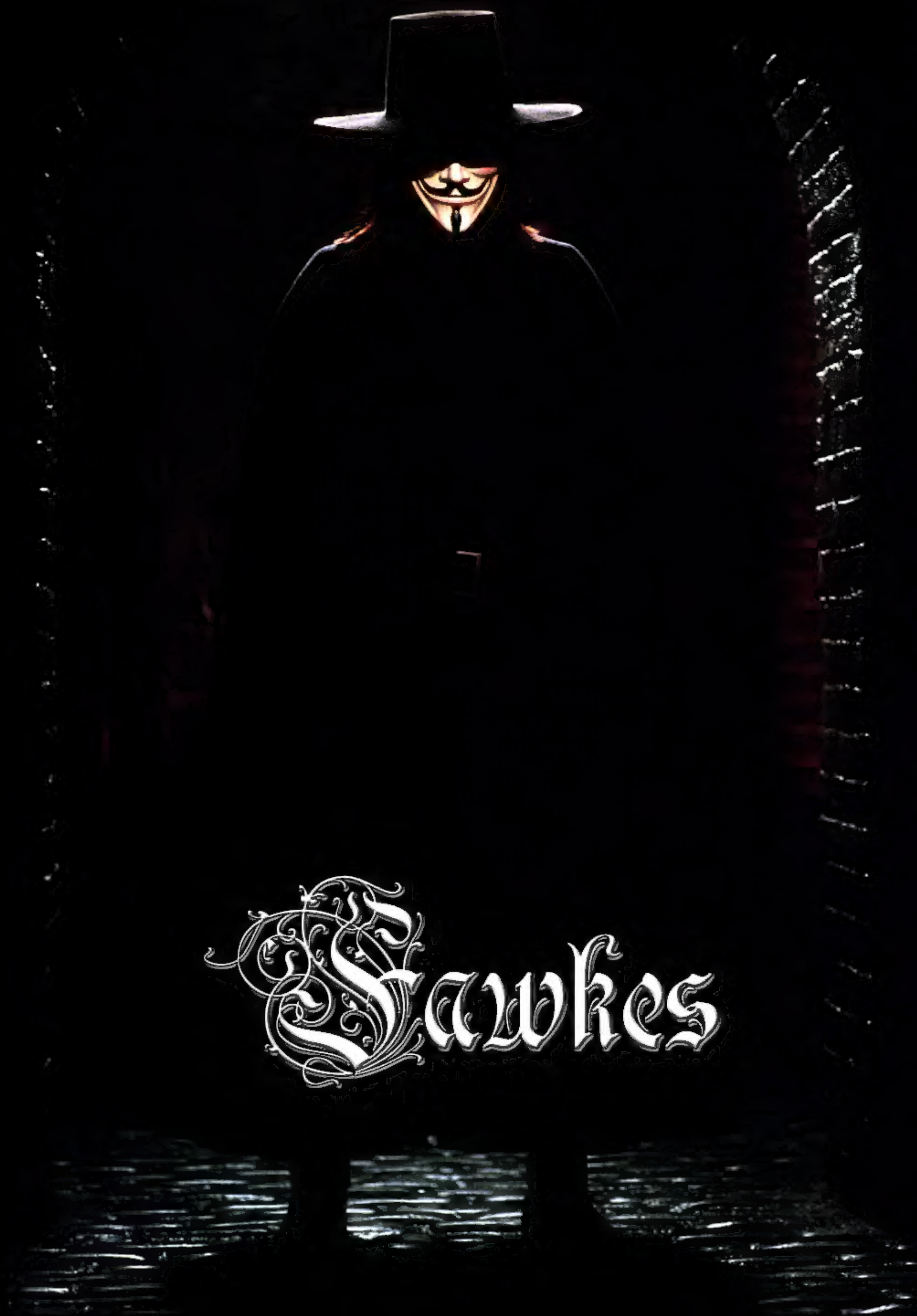
WHAT?

NO COFFIN, NO BODY. JUST DIRT. THERE'S NOTHING HERE.

XAVIER'S NOT HERE.

IT'S NOT OVER YET.





Sawkes

EMPIRE

